

Purpose

To establish a policy for determining when “project authorization” occurs for Design/Build projects.

Policy

A Design/Build Request for Proposals (RFP) will not be issued until the Final Environmental Impact Statement is issued, a Finding of “No Significant Impact” is issued if the project environmental process was an Environmental Assessment, or the Categorical Exclusion document is approved.

For projects evaluated under an Environmental Impact Statement, Project Authorization occurs when the latest of the following applies

- A) Issuance of RFP.
- B) Incorporation of Record of Decision (ROD) commitments into the Design/Build RFP by addendum.

For all other projects Project Authorization occurs upon issuance of the RFP and Approval of the Environment Document

Background

Under the more typical project delivery system of “Design-Bid-Build” project authorization occurs at “PS&E” approval accomplished as part of the Department’s Design Process Activity 85P, “Prepare Advertising Plan Set.” For Federally funded projects, the signing of the R-709 constitutes “project authorization.” For State funded projects, the signing of the T-725 constitutes “project authorization.”